

21. Fat blend according to claim 2, characterised in that the sum of the fatty acids gamma-linolenic acid, stearidonic acid and eicosapentaenoic acid present in the fat blend in the form of phospholipids comprises up to 120 mg/g total fatty acids.- -

REMARKS

Applicants have amended the claims in order to delete the improper use claim 15 and to reduce the initial filing fee by deleting the multiple dependent claims from the application. Applicants have reintroduced some of the canceled subject matter by adding new claims 16-21 and retain the right to reintroduce any further subject matter canceled by the present Amendment at any time during the prosecution of this application or any further application claiming benefit of this application.

Also, an Abstract of the Disclosure has been added to the application.

Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Search Report which issued on International Application No. PCT/EP98/08409, of which the present application is the U.S. national phase. All of the publications cited in the International Search Report are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. It is Applicants' understanding that, under the procedures of the PCT, copies of the cited publications will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office by the International Bureau. However, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney if additional copies are necessary or would facilitate examination of the present application.

Otherwise, the Examiner is respectfully requested to return an initialed and dated copy of the attached Form PTO-1449 to confirm that all publications listed thereon have been considered and made officially of record in the file of this application.

Applicants understand that, under the procedures of the PCT, a copy of the priority document (DE 197 57 414.9, filed 23 December 1997) will have been supplied to the U.S. Patent Office pursuant to Rule 17 of the PCT Regulations. It is therefore respectfully requested that the first Official Action in the present application contain an indication that the appropriate priority document is in the file of this application.

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In view of the above amendments, an early action on the application is now in order and is most respectfully requested.

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